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TAGS: PORG, US, SF

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO LAGOS CONFERENCE

REF: LAGOS 9473

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO LAGOS
ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE APPROVED BY THE WHITE
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BEGIN TEXT:

"ON THE DAY OF MY INAUGURATION, I PLEDGED THAT
THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL BE GUIDED BY A DESIRE TO
SHAPE A WORLD ORDER THAT IS MORE RESPONSIVE TO HUMAN
ASPIRATIONS. AN END TO THE DISCRIMINATORY AND
REPUGNANT POLICY OF APARTHEID IS A GOAL WE INTEND TO
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PURSUE ENERGETICALLY IN PURSUIT OF THIS PLEDGE.

IT IS MY FIRM CONVINCTION THAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST
EMBARK IMMEDIATELY ON THE ,ROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION
OF ITS SOCIETY TO ONE THAT ACCORDS FULL AND EQUITABLE
PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS TO ALL ITS
PEOPLE. OUR POLICY HAS BEEN AND WILL REMAIN CONSISTENT

WITH THIS CONVICTION. ANY GENUINE PROGRESS IN THIS

REGARD BY SOUTH AFRICA WILL INDEED BE WELCOMED. IF THERE CONTINUES TO BE NO SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT TO BEGIN SUCH FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE, THEN THIS WILL OPERATE TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE SOUGHT TO MAINTAIN WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THIS IS AN ISSUE ABOUT WHICH AMERICANS FEEL VERY DEEPLY, AND WE WILL NOT ABANDON OUR STRONGLY HELD BELIEFS.

THIS CONFERENCE PROMISES TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORTS WHICH THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS IS MAKING TO PUT AN END TO APARTHEID. WE EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO NIGERIA FOR ITS GENEROSITY IN HOSTING THE CONFERENCE. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH YOU IN CREATING THE BROADEST POSSIBLE CONSENSUS, WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOAL WE SHARE. I WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR WORK." END TEXT

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